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I – INTRODUCTION

In October 2009, the life of the 'Programme de Bonne Gouvernance' (PBG) began. This tenth quarterly report, covering activities from January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012, focuses on the second quarter of implementation for Year 3 (FY 2012) workplan activities of this \$36,251,768 five-year (three years with two option years) program whose purpose is to improve management capacity and accountability of select legislatures and local governments. The program operates in five areas of the country (the capital, Kinshasa and the provinces of Bandundu, Katanga, Maniema and South Kivu), working closely with three categories of Congolese partners:

- I. Civil society and community-based organizations;
- II. Parliamentary institutions at the central and provincial level; and
- III. Public institutions having a stake and role in decentralization.

Major achievements of this past quarter include:

Under IR1

- ✓ Trained a total of 434 members of civil society organizations across four provinces and 12 ETDs;
- ✓ Sponsored 9 interactions between civil society organizations and government authorities, Activities included 2 public events, 6 meeting, 1 dialogues for action and 4 workshops;
- ✓ Fostered 11 advocacy campaigns in the target provinces;
- ✓ Conducted Windows word, PowerPoint and excel training in all four CRDs targeting CSO members, public Servants, Provincial Assembly members and government officials as participants;
- ✓ Promoted 6 public audiences with 361 participants in all grant activities. These included 2 in Maniema, 3 in Katanga, and one in Bandundu;
- ✓ Fostered 25 local media governance programs;
- ✓ Conducted a capacity building survey which showed that our CSO partners had improved their skills 23% during the first two years of our project;
- ✓ Trained 30 data collectors for the website www.gouvernancepourtous.cd in Bandundu;
- ✓ Monitored 19 ongoing grants issued to CSO partners.

Under IR2

- ✓ Trained or provided technical assistance to a total of 387 staff and members of Parliament across five different legislatures at the provincial and national level;
- ✓ Promoted 9 public audiences conducted with provincial MPs;
- ✓ In collaboration with the Belgian Technical Cooperation (CTB), DFID/DAI-Europe, UNDP, the EU, AWEPA, *la Region Toscane*, and the PRGC (World Bank), organized, in response to CTAD (Technical Support Unit in the Interior Ministry for the Decentralization Process) request, an exchange workshop in Kinshasa which enabled leaders of this government technical structure to network with key organizations involved in supporting the Provincial Assemblies to sponsor ten initial workshops on the decentralization reform process for future Provincial Assemblies;
- ✓ In collaboration with the Westminster Foundation, DFID/DAI-Europe, UNDP and the EU, began discussions with the objective of achieving a common approach with regard to supporting the RCPP (Congolese Parliamentary Personnel Network). They jointly funded a second General Assembly of the RCPP and an orientation workshop for the newly-elected MPs. Each of the 11 Provincial Assemblies was represented by 2 delegates. DAI/PBG supported the travel and accommodations for delegates from Maniema, Bandundu and Katanga;
- ✓ Organized a workshop on Results Based Management targeting the Provincial Assembly administrative staff in Katanga, South Kivu, Maniema and Bandundu. This activity trained a total of 124 participants.
- ✓ Conducted a workshop on the Review of Rules of Procedure of the National Assembly targeting 20 NA administrative officers which will enable them to draft proposals for amendments to be made to these rules;
- ✓ Facilitated a mid-term Review for the Staff of the Provincial Assemblies of Bandundu, South Kivu, Maniema and Katanga. Participants completed an evaluation survey. A total of 222 staff members participated.

Under IR 3

- ✓ Trained a total of 380 local and provincial government employees ;
- ✓ Provided technical assistance to 12 ETDs in order to increase their annual own-source revenues;
- ✓ Sponsored 52 activities in order to improve government entity performance;
- ✓ Created a decentralization website for the CTAD. The website address is www.decentralisation.cd .
- ✓ Conducted successful Inter-governmental thematic working group meetings in Bandundu and South Kivu;
- ✓ Established multi-sectoral working groups on local taxation to reduce conflict and implement anti-corruption activities in the city of Bukavu, South Kivu. A taxpayer census was completed and the results were presented and discussed in a meeting on February 3rd. This meeting was attended by the Mayor, all of the Burgomasters of the *communes* of Bukavu, many senior administrative staff members and CS representatives;
- ✓ Provided technical support for PPP projects in the three Katanga ETDs. This included drafting advertisements for use by all ETDs which were published in early February announcing the opportunity to bid for PPP projects, and preparing the bidding documents and requesting all ETDs to arrange briefing meetings and site visits for bidders.

II – POLITICAL BACKGROUND

National level

National Parliament News

- National deputies spent nearly all of this period in recess. Many of them spent time with their constituencies due to the recent presidential and legislative elections held on November 28.
- The publication of election results continued to make the news. Only 78 out of 500 former members have retained their seats in the National Assembly. The announcement of the results of National Assembly elections continued to be tainted with controversy and the CENI transferred nearly 360 cases of disputes to the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, the first plenary session was convened on February 16th and the provisional speaker set up his temporary office and the handover between the old and the new offices was conducted. On this first day, 350 MPs were present, 132 were absent while 18 seats remained unfilled. Among the members present were members of the outgoing government who were recently elected MPs, including the Prime Minister and also some Provincial governors.
- In accordance with Article 114 of the Constitution, Timothy KOMBO Nkisi, a member of UDPS from Bas-Congo and the oldest MP has been appointed interim President. He was assisted by his two younger colleagues Patrick MUYAYA of PALU and Mutula Diallo of MSR.
- Aside from the provisional President, no other members of the UDPS/Dynamics of Support for Etienne Tshisekedi (SET) were present for the opening session. Subsequently, twenty deputies elected on the UDPS list have proceeded to sit and have seen their mandates validated despite threats of exclusion made by some party leaders.
- After validation of the mandates of national MPs, the National Assembly created a special commission chaired by the Hon. Mwando Nsimba to draft its rules of procedures.
- The National Assembly's rules of procedure were validated by the Supreme Court, confirming that they comply with the Constitution. Unlike that of the previous legislature, the bylaws require that the final composition of the Bureau of the National Assembly reflects the political configuration of the chamber consisting of the parliamentary majority, opposition and independents.
- After validation of the rules of procedure, the next step is the election of the parliamentary officers which is scheduled to be finalized by April 12, 2012.

Political and Social News

- The introduction of Value Added Tax resulted in a rapid increase in prices of goods and services throughout the national territory. Although some goods such as fueloil and bread are temporarily exempt from this increase, the purchasing power of the population has significantly eroded.
- Mr. Adolphe Muzito, the Prime Minister since 2008, submitted his resignation to President Kabila on March 6, 2012 thus putting an end to the Government elected by the previous Parliament. Subsequently,

the President appointed Mr. Louis Koyagialo as Interim Prime Minister, to head a provisional government responsible for implementing daily affairs without the authority to engage the State with a third party or to make decisions with a long-term impact.

- During the same period, the President, as required by the DRC Constitution, named Mr. Charles Mwando Nsimba as informant assigned with the task of working in collaboration with the newly elected MPs of the National Assembly, to identify a parliamentary majority which would then appoint a new Prime Minister, head of government with all the powers vested by the Constitution.
- In addition, due to a lack of sufficient funding, the interim Prime Minister, Mr. Koyagialo, agreed with the Presidents of the Provincial Assemblies to postpone their sessions from March 30 to April 16

Security news

- Overall, the security situation was calm. However, it was reported that UDPS had called the organization of unilateral strike days where everyone is instructed to stay home for the day. This instruction has not been followed in Kinshasa or in other provinces, except the two Kasai Provinces.

South Kivu

Provincial Assembly News

- The *Rapporteur* of the Provincial Assembly in an interview granted to the media, referred to a possible special session to be held in response to written requests from 20 PA members. This session would deal with what was not completed during the previous session. The PA President did not seem fit to grant this request arguing that the request was not precise on what matters would be treated and he reiterated that the next session would be held in March.

Political and Social News

- The current political news was characterized by the publication of election results with its share of disputes. The Provincial Governor, also candidate for a National Assembly seat, failed to get elected. According to some, he will present himself as a candidate for the Governor's seat for a second term.
- There were reports of many cases of cholera (370 cases on January 13) in several health zones. The victims were mostly members of displaced populations who are fleeing FDLR attacks.
- On February 24th, the provincial council of ministers adopted the text institutionalizing the participatory budget for the provincial ETDs. The text should be promulgated upon the governor's return to the province. Immediately after the adoption of the decree, the Provincial Department of Planning and Budget submitted a proposal to PBG for a capacity building workshop targeting stakeholders at the ETD level and an evaluation of the level of comprehension of those who have already received some basic training. Official correspondence will be sent to PBG after the promulgation of the decree.
- The South Kivu Governor, a survivor of the fatal plane crash which took place on February 12 resulting in the death of Katumba Mwanke has resumed his duties in late March 2012 after a medical stay in South Africa.
- The province currently has no Vice Governor as Mr. Kibala, whose term as National MP had been validated has departed for Kinshasa in order to fulfill his function at the National Assembly.
- It is likely that the Provincial Assembly will take up the task of filling this vacancy during this session.

Security News

- There are reports of killings in Shabunda territory in the town of Bakisi. This operation occurred during the days following the New Year festivities and which intensified during the night of January 3rd and continued through January 4th. Forty two deaths and several rapes were reported.
- On January 9, gunshots were heard in Bukavu, at the 10th Military Region. These shots were allegedly fired by soldiers who were unpaid for three months and were demanding their overdue wages.

Bandundu

Provincial Assembly News

- The Provincial Assembly is in recess.

Political and Social News

- The First *Rapporteur-Adjoint* of the CENI conducted a fact-finding mission to look into disputes over election results in the constituencies of Masimanimba, Gungu, Bagata, Kiri and Yumbi and met on January 24th with the Provincial Assembly. He assured the inclusion of their concerns before the next CENI publication of results of parliamentary elections in order to restore social harmony in these entities.
- On February 9th the Expert Advisor for Ministry of Planning conducted a review of the status of investments in the province. Several key areas were covered including health, education, infrastructure, rural development and agriculture. The study determined the volume and value of investments and analyzed the management mechanisms. Investment value was still low in the social sector during the first phase with an average of 15.46% when compared to 33.62% for operating expenses.
- The Legal and Judicial Committee organized by the Joint United Nations Office for Human rights noted 1,702 incidents of rape.
- A new Governor will be elected on April 19, 2012, one year after the removal of the former Governor Richard Ndambu by the Provincial Assembly in March 2011. Despite his rehabilitation from a judgment of the Supreme Court, the Governor had not resumed his duties and the interim was assured by his Vice Governor, recently elected as a National Deputy.
- On this occasion, the CS Provincial Coordination issued a statement calling on MPs to vote for a candidate for Governor "open to dialogue and with a sense of accountability and who prioritizes the interest of the population of the whole province".
- The Civil Society Provincial Coordination has requested the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) to deploy a certified electoral observation mission during the electoral process for the Bandundu Governor. The CENI has yet to respond.

Maniema

Provincial Assembly News

- The provincial deputies are still in recess.

Political and Social News

- The Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation (ICCN) is experiencing many difficulties while attempting to work properly in the Maiko National Park (located in southern Maniema) due to the presence in the park of Simba rebels and poachers. These elements have been known to capture rare species found in the area including the Okapi and the Congo peacock.
- Following an inspection of Kindu's basic social infrastructure, the Governor of Maniema Province has expressed outrage at the slow pace of the rehabilitation work of the Kindu Central Market. He plans to convoke contractors who were entrusted with this task to explain to him the reasons for the delay. For him, it is incomprehensible that this rehabilitation project which was funded in 2010 and had a 9 month time frame has not been completed.
- The Vice-Governor of Maniema Province, Mr. Jerome Bikenge announced the presence of cases of polio in the Territory of Kabambare since January 5th. These cases were certified by the laboratory INRB in Kinshasa, raising fears that the epidemic could spread across the province. To prevent proliferation of this dreaded disease, he urged the population to observe basic rules of hygiene.
- The Governor has formally banned the broadcast of "Parole au Peuple" in its correspondence dated February 7, 2012 addressed to the radio TV Kindu Maniema (RTKM) to preserve public order threatened by the facilitator of this call-in program who he charges does not respect the ethical and professional conduct of journalists. He added that the unselected callers endorse anarchy through the use of slang and gratuitous accusations against local authorities, acts that do not promote democracy. Later, in a letter to Attorney General at the Court of Appeals in Kindu, the Governor ordered the closure of the station, a private channel, for "broadcasting programs inciting violence, and encouraging a public uprising, and menacing public safety by insulting and defaming public authority". After the closure the Governor informed the High Council for Audiovisual and Communication (CSAC) which is the media regulatory body. In response to these actions, the CSO Haki Za Binadamu-MANIEMA issued a press release denouncing the Governor's usurpation of powers, the violation of freedoms of press, information and

radio broadcasts and the laxity of the High Council for Audiovisual and Communication (CSAC) which bears the responsibility of protecting people's right to information.

- The end of March in Maniema was also marked by the launch of the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) March 27 Campaign Response against polio in nine health zones of the eighteen that in the province. This campaign is for children 0-59 months of age.

Security News

- To assure security for the province, the 322nd Battalion of Commandos of the Rapid Reaction Unit RRU was deployed to Lokando, 65 km north of Kindu in the territory of Kailo. The ceremony which was held to announce this deployment was conducted by the Land Forces Commander of the Congolese Armed Forces (FARDC), General Amisi.

Impact vis-à-vis the PBG

- CSOs should verify the veracity of the accusations made by the Governor and whether or not he possesses the legal authority to shut down a radio TV station in order to see how they can defend the rights of every citizen to give his opinion. PBG also organizes similar programs as part of emissions "*A nous la parole*".

Katanga

Political and Social News

- Disputes over election results continue to dominate the political news. After the CENI's publication on November 28th, most losing candidates have been busy granting interviews on different radio and TV channels displaying their displeasure with the results.
- In early January the population has seen an increase in market prices, which reached 25% for certain items. This phenomenon was determined to be due to the weakening U.S. dollar in December, and was exacerbated by the application of VAT.
- Some parents were forced to withdraw their children from school as a result of rising school fees.
- The Lubumbashi Mayor conducted a meeting on March 13, 2012 with the Burgomasters of all of the city's municipalities to:
 - Identify all markets in each municipality;
 - Gather statistics on vendors by stall and outside markets;
 - Organize tax collector teams;
 - Collect taxes for the months of February and March 2012
- Following this meeting the municipalities have deployed their agents to collect the requested information. Civil society organizations (CSOs) denounced the data collection procedure which they believe could lead to erroneous results.
- The Provincial Finance Minister who was informed by the CSOs of the situation has asked them to wait for the next meeting between the Mayor and the burgomasters to compare data obtained with data compiled by the CSOs.

Security News

- Several villages in the Haut Katanga were emptied of their inhabitants following clashes that took place in MUBIDI between the rebel militia leader Gedeon and regular army troops. Currently over 10,000 families have been displaced between Manono and Mitwaba and are without shelter.

III – SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE ADVANCES

Below is a description of PBG’s main activities and achievements from July 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011, organized under the three Intermediate Results (IRs) defined in the contract.

IR 1 – CITIZENS DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY

Meetings with counterpart organizations

A meeting was held with the coordinator of the website, www.gouvernancepourtous.cd. This meeting focused on setting out objectives over the next quarter. Immediate priorities that were identified included the following:

- There is a need to revive the steering committee, perhaps by expanding it and holding more regular meetings;
- There is a need to develop a provincial roll-out plan;
- There is a need to identify the organizations which will be involved in the provincial data collection process;
- There is a need to refine the data collector training program and to determine who will regularly oversee the work of the data collectors.

At the meeting, the coordinator also submitted reports of website usage from the period between July and November 2011.

A meeting was also held in February with the **CENADEP** Country Representative which focused on finalizing outstanding issues associated with the departure of the IR1 team leader. The main focus was on providing input to the performance appraisals of the field-based trainers. A subsequent meeting was held in March to discuss the issue of ownership of the PBG Good Governance site and the evolution of program activities. **CENADEP** expressed confidence in their capacity to continue the program after PBG closeout. In order to assure sustainability, **CENADEP** plans to place the site within a broader dynamic of civil society beyond the steering committee by integrating major CS platforms at the national level. This will be done by conducting quarterly meetings to discuss not only the evolution of the Good Governance website but also on the PBG sectoral themes in order to best ensure program continuity and advocacy relating thereto. Moreover, this meeting was also intended to discuss how to promote exchanges between the national and provincial level. Specifically, it was to see how advocacy initiated at the provincial level could have an impact at national level on the one hand and secondly to improve the flow of information between these two levels.

Programmatic Accomplishments

Activity IR1.1.2 (SA3) - Civic Education

After the initial stage of conducting training workshops for leaders on the legislative process and electoral transparency in promoting good governance, the ECC is now working on awareness building campaigns at the grass roots level. Presently, the ECC is also in the planning phase of the Social Dialogue for Action. Two preparatory meetings with the objective of organizing social dialogue for action were held.

Activity IR1.1.3 (SA5) – CRD Development

South Kivu

-A workshop was conducted to evaluate the Circle of Women broadcasts and a second workshop on the visionary association of artists.

- The NGO AFEJUCO held two bimonthly evaluation sessions at the CRD.
- An IR2 workshop on Results based management benefiting the political and administrative staff of the Provincial Assembly on February 20-22 as part of activities IR2.
- A conference was organized to provide partners with information on the good governance website and to initiate preliminary discussions on the establishment of a steering committee at the provincial level.
- DAI staff training on monitoring and evaluation and the use of TAMIS.
- Besides these events, the CRD has had an attendance of 329 persons including 110 women for consulting work or internet research.
- During this period in South Kivu, there was an influx of youthful visitors at the CRD. A particular strategy for this social category would be appropriate to better to oversee their research on governance and democracy and avoid probable distractions.

Bandundu

- On January 10-15, the CRD hosted a workshop for local stakeholders on Citizen Participation and Participatory Governance for the proper management of ETDs in the Bandundu province which was organized by a network of CSOs known as C4 (CEPROSOC, CENADEP, CANACU and CAFEN) with support from the Civil Society for Good Governance Fund. Participants included local leaders who came from Bagata, Nioki, Mushie and Mashambio. A total of 30 leaders and 43 local political and administrative authorities attended this workshop. The objective of the workshop was to promote the emergence of local development at the ETD level based on the principles of good governance and citizen participation.
- On February 8th, the Legal and Judicial Office of Human Rights sub-committee of the United Nations, with support from the UNPFA and SGBV, held an annual meeting to take stock of sexual violence reported in the Kasongalunda, Popokabaka, Nioki, Mushie, Kikwit, Bandundu city, Idiofa and Kenge.
- On February 17th, the executive secretariat of the CENI funded by the gender division of MONUSCO organized a workshop to evaluate the electoral process. PBG was represented by its Capacity Building Specialist (CBS) who provided a presentation on the major causes of incumbent candidates' failures in the November 28 elections. A workspace was also provided to discuss issues related to the "a nous la parole." program. The session was well attended by 46 people including 27 women.
- A ceremony was held to launch grant implementation in the MAYOYO *commune*.
- An IR2 workshop was conducted for AP staff members on results-based management mechanisms;
- A statement was prepared by civil society members on the elections for the Governor and the Deputy Governor.
- A workshop was organized on awareness-building of the forest code through synergy with the struggle against sexual and gender-based violence;
- Coaching and recording of a broadcast was conducted on the subject of "problems of deforestation in Bandundu; where do we go?".
- A meeting was organized among Civil Society team leaders for the submission of action plans.
- A workshop was conducted for training information collectors and the establishment of a steering committee for the website. CS team leaders conducted a meeting for a review on techniques used to train information collectors.

Maniema

- In January, the CRD hosted a workshop on the assessment and planning of "Circle of Women" leaders' activities. Included in this assessment were a series of telephone interviews, conducted by 145 people for a period of 14 working days (from 12 to 31 January 2012).
- A conference was organized to provide partners with information on the good governance website and to initiate preliminary discussions on the website was held on February 8-9.
- An evaluation workshop and recycling advocacy was held from February 13-16 for 12 delegates from partner organizations.

Katanga

-During the first two weeks of February, a training session on the management of CRD resources was facilitated by the consultant Narcisse Kalenga and attended by the PBG IT experts from Kinshasa and the four provinces. During this workshop, participants were trained on computer management of library resources.

-Books originating in Belgium were sent to the Lubumbashi CRD and from there were distributed to all of the CRDs according to provincial sector priorities. Of all books received, the Lubumbashi library obtained 85, the majority focusing on education, the PBG Katanga sector.

-It should be noted that CSOs have become more focused on consulting provincial documents, among other things, the Provincial Three Year Plan, the Provincial Government's FY 2010 Budget and the Provincial Assembly's draft budget. This was an encouraging sign which shows that CSOs are more concerned now with the province's budget and would like to be involved in budget preparation.

Activity IR1.1.3/5 (SA3) – Circle of Women

South Kivu

-In January, a workshop was held in Bukavu with the objective of evaluating the broadcasts aired and completed during the last quarter of 2011. Twelve people participated in this evaluation including 7 women.

-In collaboration with Search for Common Ground, a program was produced and posted in Bukavu on the following themes:

- "The role of women in the political rebuilding of the DRC";
- "Parity between men and women as advocated by the Constitution; fact or fiction".

These programs give the selected women leaders a certain awareness of their value and a greater self-determination. Five of them not only became active members of political parties, they are on the MP candidates list and one became President (Provincial) of a political party.

Bandundu

-On March 15th, trained women leaders in the project "*A nous le parole*" conducted a lively program on the theme "addressing deforestation in Bandundu for the future?" beyond the objectives of these broadcasts, the debate has had an impact on awareness of the authorities' responsibility in the province to establish a reforestation policy and the public, regarding the harmful effects of deforestation in Bandundu and to launch the debate on education of the population in the preservation of natural resources.

Maniema

-Women leaders evaluated their activities and developed a list of topics for 2012. The workshop proposed strategies for the assessment of "Circle of Women" broadcasts including their review and validation by CSO partners.

-On March 8 a radio broadcast in Kindu was conducted on the issue of women and elections which demonstrated that with women being elected, their participation in the management of public affairs would be more legitimate before discussing possible strategies, which if implemented, would facilitate the emergence of women's participation in the political life of the province. This broadcast allowed for the facilitation of positive interactions with the listeners. Initial reactions were in favor of increasing the number of broadcasts to more than one per month. One per week would be desirable for more impact.

-The PBG held two meetings on March 27th and March 30th with media partners and women leaders to discuss the terms of reference for the Circle of Women programs with the objective of improving preparations for women leaders and to ensure better coordination especially with the arrival of new journalists. In addition, it allowed journalists an opportunity to better understand the philosophy of these programs but also the need to hold a meeting after each program to permit for evaluation and planning. Since emissions do not occur daily or weekly, the participants have decided to proceed regularly to inform listeners before inviting them to follow a broadcast. There is a possibility that the Good Governance site could also play this role.

Katanga

-The theme "Promotion of women: results and prospects" was discussed during a broadcast of "*a nous le parole*". It involved an analysis of living conditions and considerations of women in society with the objective of promoting the advancement of women in all female categories, including rural women.

Activity IR1.1.3 (SA4): Technical Assistance

South Kivu

-During this period, PBG facilitated a mid-term review of implementation of the grant awarded to the CSO partner, **CAPSA**. In addition, PBG provided technical assistance to the CSO, AFEJUCO for the development of a Legislative Proposal on Maternal Health. The PBG Sector Specialist, a medical doctor was instrumental in providing the assistance necessary in order to ensure a sound proposal.

-The PBG helped **AFEJUCO** to prepare for a 3-day workshop on writing the proposal for an Edict on free maternal and child health care in South Kivu. The arguments of the proposal have been drawn from the results of an investigation **AFEJUCO** conducted in Kadutu *commune* which corroborates with data collected by the Provincial Health Ministry. This activity consisted of 24 participants including 19 women including the *quaester* of the Provincial Assembly and his Cabinet, the Minister of Health's principal advisor, CSO members, the Health Mutual, the Bukavu Bar association, the Sindic (defenders court) and some students training in public health at the University of Bukavu. The NGO **CAPSA** has also benefited from technical assistance in monitoring and evaluation and more information on the administrative standards of PBG.

Bandundu

-Technical assistance has been conducted to help orient CSO partners and other civil society organizations to develop better proposals with objectives consistent with the Good Governance Program to avoid the same distractions which were recorded last year.

-Additional technical assistance consisted of evaluating the CSO alternates **CEPROSOC** and **FADIC** in order to select an NGO which will replace **TEYESA**.

-The advocacy campaign initiated by **CEPROSOC** for the waiving of fees for participation in the national test upon the completion of Primary Studies "TENAFEP" has certainly been an asset especially that they have forced the "TENAFEP" to reduce their fees to 2% of the original costs.

Maniema

-PBG provided assistance in the preparation of civic education sessions to be organized by the NGO **UMAMA**.

-The project also provided support to the CSOs **AVEMA** and **UMAMA** on methodology and technical considerations for a civic education campaign that they will conduct in Wakabongo II.

-With the CSO **ALFED**, PBG helped to develop techniques to persuade the burgomaster of Alunguli to enhance services to be provided to the market now that local revenue mobilization has markedly improved due to PBG good governance training.

-PBG also provided assistance to the NGO-**UPKA** to better understand the importance of citizen controls. This took place at a workshop that was organized on behalf of civil society members and farmers' leaders from all seven territories that make up Maniema Province.

-PBG also supported the **HBM** in preparing a dialogue for action especially since this would be the organization's first.

Katanga

-PBG provided assistance to CSOs to update their documentation of grant implementation. Thus, three CSOs: The Civil Society Bulletin (Bulletin **SOCIKAT**), The **Office for Diocesan Development (BDD)** and The **Association for Education and Animation Development (AED)** decided to update their documents at the end of the assistance sessions.

-CSOs have been further strengthened in the area of advocacy, group work on proposal preparation of a project (review of the various steps and strategies to use and understanding of different concepts, such as advocacy, awareness building, civic education, lobbying, mobilization and its importance).

-CSOs have received assistance in drafting success stories. The majority of CSOs were very pleased with this work. One just has to listen to the testimony of **CDM** and **CJP** who had judged that DAI/PBG had set their standards too high and were too demanding based on the grant guidelines and now regret having missed the first installment of grants and are motivated this time to make every effort to submit their proposals for the second solicitation.

-In March, technical assistance efforts concentrated on capacity building and a review of proposals submitted by potential beneficiaries who responded to the last call for bids.

Activity 1R1.1.3 / 5 (SA5): Tribune of popular speech on anti-corruption.

No major progress was made with the **OLCAC** to initiate further activities. The different scenarios developed have failed to reduce activity costs. The notion of utilizing in-house expertise is becoming increasingly the best alternative. Nevertheless, **OLCAC** will be informed of PBG's latest decision in April.

Activity 1R1.1.3: Debriefing Activity/Annual Evaluation Group-with CSOs.

The PBG has organized three workshops for collective evaluation with CSO partners during this period in the provinces of Bandundu, Katanga and Maniema with the objective of the partners successfully conducting self-assessment activities to gauge their level of ownership for their activities and to review the contents of the various reports in relation to advocacy and to harmonize planning for next year. In Bandundu, the workshop consisted of 40 participants, including 13 women from Kikwit, Bandundu and Bukangalongo while in Katanga the CSO group assessment workshop was held in Lubumbashi on January 23-27 with thirty beneficiaries including 13 women. This occasion offered a good opportunity for CSO partners to present and share experiences of the activities conducted through the grants process and other activities sponsored by PBG. Later PBG organized an evaluation workshop on advocacy for four days at the Maniema CRD. This workshop enabled the partners to not only assess the general support they receive from PBG but also to review advocacy. This workshop was greatly appreciated by the participants and provided added value not only for them to learn from their experiences but also to have their capacity strengthened to enable them to engage in responsible citizen participation in promoting good governance in Maniema. Particular emphasis was placed on the partners' evaluation of technical assistance. It appeared that technical assistance is a capacity building approach that overcomes the limitations of tailored training, in that it meets the specific needs in empowering partners on a daily basis.

Advocacy Assessment of Civil Society Organizations

A complementary assessment was also conducted aimed at measuring the performance of partner civil society organizations in terms of their advocacy capacity. A series of questions specifically tailored to measure an organizations understanding and ability to conduct advocacy initiatives was delivered in late 2012 and in early 2012. The results from the surveys can be found in the table below - **Indicator 1.6 - Increase in the Average Score of Core PBG-Supported CSOs on the Advocacy Assessment Tool**. In certain cases where several CSOs dropped out in year 1 or were added in year 2 the results are listed as "N/A". As can be seen in the results it is clear that all partner CSOs have increased their capacity in developing and delivering advocacy campaigns. The average change in capacity is 27% with a range of scores from 2% to 52%. The IR1 team will work with each CSO to determine where each can improve and determine what technical assistance can be provided to assist the CSO.

INDICATOR 1.6 - Increase in the Average Score of Core PBG-Supported CSOs on the Advocacy Assessment Tool

PROVINCE	Name of NGO	Year 1		Year 2		Change 2010 - 2011
		Points (T=234)	Score (%)	Points (T=260)	Score (%)	%
BAN	PROSADEF	59	25%	177	68%	43%
BAN	RECIC	69	29%	185	71%	42%
BAN	TEYESA	50	21%	89	34%	13%
BAN	COFERD	78	33%	130	50%	17%
BAN	ASSOPAC	40	17%	179	69%	52%
MAN	HAKI ZA BINADAMU	117	50%	154	59%	9%
MAN	APRODEF	115	49%	133	51%	2%
MAN	AVEMA	98	42%	159	61%	19%
MAN	COJESKI	100	43%	171	66%	23%
MAN	UMAMA	108	46%	154	59%	13%
KAT	COMSSION JUSTICE ET PAIX	95	41%	196	75%	35%
KAT	MIROIR DU PEUPLE	86	37%	194	75%	38%
KAT	ANAPECO	71	30%	151	58%	28%
KAT	BDD	114	49%	197	76%	27%
KAT	BULLETIN DE LA SOCIETE CIVILE	79	34%	202	78%	44%
KAT	AED	N/A	N/A	194	75%	N/A
SUK	AFEJUCO	81	35%	160	62%	27%
SUK	CEDAC	93	40%	178	68%	29%
SUK	CAPSA	N/A	N/A	184	71%	N/A
SUK	RIO	100	43%	N/A	N/A	N/A
SUK	AFEM	90	38%	N/A	N/A	N/A
SUK	CENTRE OLAME	101	43%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Average scores		87	37%	168	65%	27%

Activity 1.1.3/5 & 1.2.3: CSO Good Governance Website Development

A mechanism for collecting information has been established in Kinshasa and contacts have been initiated to install a system for collecting information at the provincial level. During this period the website coordinator initiated contacts with CSOs and some MPs in Bandundu city to discuss the feasibility of collecting data at the provincial level before conducting the workshop organized to set up web site committees in each province. The stakeholders have shown enthusiasm and have agreed in principle to participate in providing information to the site to promote good governance. The trip ended with the identification of CSOs who can work with the site for data collection. The number of visitors to the website for the month of January totaled 583 (my.oxito.com source) with an average of 60 visits a day. In Kinshasa, on February 10-11 CENADEP held two meetings in succession, first with partner organizations and secondly with journalists jointly with delegates from youth organizations. They used these meetings to present the site history, objectives, organization, structure, and how to access it. CENADEP instructed the above on how to use this tool not only for access to information but also to contribute their inputs. In total, 38 people participated in these meetings and expressed much interest in the site. The same meeting was held in Bukavu where civil society organizations have supported the initiative subject to establishing effective collaborative mechanisms and clarifying the

roles and responsibilities that each organization is expected to play. This meeting was attended by 28 participants, including 8 women, members of CSOs, Provincial Assembly members, university students, media and an RTNC journalist.

Several meetings were held with the site coordination committee in March to assess activities, design a brochure and plan the establishment of provincial committees, a necessity for commencing the activities in the provinces. Within this framework, four workshops were scheduled in the provinces. The first took place Bandundu on March 27-29. Participants included CSO members from Bandundu city, Bukongalonzo and Kikwit and on March 27th, an MOU with the CSOs was drawn up and signed by the different parties. For reasons of transparency, two Provincial Assembly members attended the meetings as observers. The last two days of the workshop were devoted to training information collectors. In addition to the collectors (university students in Bandundu City), all members of the steering committee attended the training. The Provincial Assembly members were so interested that they themselves facilitated the presentations on the legislative process in the DRC. They also requested training for CSO members because they believe they will derive more benefit from the website given the lack of an official Bandundu Provincial Assembly web site. At the end of this meeting a provincial steering committee composed of 19 inclusive CSO members was established with the nomination of a President, two Vice Presidents, and two *rapporteurs*. It was decided that the PBG and some MPs should attend the provincial steering committee meetings as observers. Participants also discussed some modalities for the participation of committee members from Kikwit and Bukongalonzo with the objective of the CSOs feeling a sense of ownership for the site in order to assure its durability.

The information collectors have also approached the National Assembly and dialogued with elected officials, some of whom have provided essential elements, while others are not yet very receptive. They also made contacts with government ministries.

The PBG supported CENADEP on the design and printing of a brochure that explains succinctly the governance site, its objectives, content, and target beneficiaries. Two thousand leaflets have been printed and a distribution plan has been put together. As for the website, it is regularly updated and new elements were added including 12 new items (on the homepage and in different sections), eight new images in the slide show and in articles. The number of daily visitors has increased from 100 to 1800.

Activity IR1.1.5 (SA2): Grants

South Kivu

- **AFEJUCO** completed the task of sorting data collected from the survey of maternal health in Kadutu and is currently writing an article based on their findings for publication in a scientific journal. They also conducted a workshop on monitoring and evaluation of their activities. The next step is the design and diffusion of the advocacy message based on research results. This CSO also organized a 3 day workshop from February 23-25 on the drafting of the edict proposal on the free maternal and child health in South Kivu. The arguments in the proposal have been drawn from the results of the investigation by **AFEJUCO** after conducting a study in the Kadutu ETD on the issue and corroborating the results with data from the Ministry of Health. Twenty four persons including 19 women among them the *Quaestor* of the Provincial Assembly and her Cabinet, the Minister of Health's principal advisor, members of CSOs, the Mutual Health Insurance, the Law Society of Bukavu, the Catalan Ombudsman (advocates judicial) and a few student interns in public health from the Official University of Bukavu took part in its work. Note that the *Quaestor* is willing to endorse the proposal at the next session of the provincial assembly in April. AFEJUCO closed out the month by conducting a bi-monthly review meeting held on February 28th. **AFEJUCO** then conducted a closed working session to update the advocacy document for their campaign. Certainly, the NGO has made remarkable progress but a well-refined strategy was previously lacking. PBG staff will evaluate the document before sending it to all CSOs as a document model. The session was followed by strategies for the extension of the study on maternal health in Kadutu. It is within this context that an agreement was reached with the newspaper *le Sovereign*. Note that the study was written in response to the mobilization of researchers at the ISP in Bukavu and the Official University of Bukavu. Based on the

results of the survey on maternal health, **AFEJUCO** could put together a draft of the proposed edit that was endorsed by the MP Beatrice Kindja. Encouraged by this endorsement, **AFEJUCO** conducted a workshop with local leaders to form a committee to support the proposed edict. Awareness building and mobilization will continue with the broadcast of 24 programs. The organization has met the provincial minister of health, the burgomaster of Kadutu, and the Sociocultural and Environmental Commission of the Provincial Assembly for discussion on the issue and especially to discuss the proposed decree draft. In this regard, **AFEJUCO** believes that although the draft was endorsed a legislative drafting expert should examine all legal aspects of the document. Despite this, the proposal could be placed on the agenda of the provincial assembly shortly.

- The CSO **CAPSA** has almost finished its advocacy campaign on care for diabetics in which they have managed to get included in the 2012 provincial budget, but the CSO did not give up its mobilization and continued with broadcasts. The draft edict proposal has been endorsed by the MP Moshonyo who chairs the commission social cultural and the environment. Monitoring and evaluation of this initiative is an important step in order to determine whether the campaign has produced the desired results. For more efficiency and effectiveness, the NGO chose to resort to external expertise for the overall evaluation of their campaign.

Bandundu

PBG staff organized a meeting in order to brief CSO partners the proposal solicitation. This meeting was attended by 45 people including nine women.

- After a brief interruption due to the electoral situation, **PROSADEF** resumed activities by conducting participatory theater, performed on Jan. 26 at market STATION in Bandundu city, with the message of paying taxes with the objective increasing the Provincial agricultural budget line item.
- A work session was organized bringing together committees responsible for the mobilization of authorities and citizens was held in the multipurpose room of the Community of Nzinda, Sankuru quarter for their participation in public hearings to be held on March 7th-15th respectively in the four municipalities of the city of Kikwit. This meeting was used among others for mid-term evaluation for synergy between **COFERD**, **RECIC**, **REFEKI**, **AFESAD**, **REFED UNAF** and to ascertain whether the authorities have kept their promise to increase the budget amount allocated to agriculture in their ETD.
- The CSO partner, The Collective of Rural Women for Development “**COFERD**” has organized a meeting to summarize the work of commissions deployed for the mobilization the urban authorities on March 11th. The objective of this activity was to have an idea about the level of mobilization achieved in order to involve the public and authorities in activities to achieve ownership of an advocacy campaign for the people of Kikwit. **COFERD** has produced four (4) Dialogues for Action (Public hearings) as provided in their updated action plan since January 2012. These dialogues, organized in collaboration with network member organizations were preceded by meetings held with the authorities of four communes on March 3, 5, and March 7. The authorities concerned were the Mayor and the four burgomasters, and the Agriculture Inspector in order to prepare a dialogue for action and also to solicit their involvement in the ongoing advocacy.

Maniema

- **HAKI ZA BINDAMBU**, which has its own radio and theater troupe, has organized a skit on governance in the agricultural sector. This activity proves that this CSO has achieved a sense of ownership for a PBG activity.
- **ALFED** conducted a bimonthly assessment meeting focusing on the activity devoted to observing the governance of the Alunguli market before planning future actions. 23 people including representatives of stakeholders and 12 delegates from the survey attended the strategy meeting.

ALFED has completed the following activities presented during this period:

- 12 facilitators including 6 women conducted 48 public meeting sessions that focused on the fight against illegal practices conducted by taxpayers in regards to avoiding payment of taxes. This awareness-building activity was attended by 1,188 citizens were aware of which there were 923 women and 144 youths (both sexes);
- Tax education through radio broadcasts;
Four fiscal education programs were put on the air by the antennas of Radio-Television-Kindu, Maniema-(RTKM) on February 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th on the same theme, namely the struggle against illicit mechanisms practiced by taxpayers;
- Bi-weekly monitoring and evaluation meetings;
On February 18 the bi-weekly meeting on the monitoring and evaluation of activities planned and implemented during this month of February and a provisional final evaluation of the project was written in advance of provisions that will made to extend the activity on June 30. This meeting brought together 23 participants (facilitators, members of the observatory of the Alunguli market governance observation committee and synergy members).

During this reporting period this initial grant was completed but without PBG funding, ALFED continued to carry out actions initiated under their advocacy project which presents a clear sign of activity ownership for an organization that would play a key role in the development of the municipality. Their advocacy campaign aimed at helping the Alunguli commune to maximize the mobilization of revenue. A work session was held March 12th at the communal office to discuss this activity. This meeting resulted in the communal authorities determining certain actions to help improve conditions in this market.

- **UMAMA** focused on the implementation of a civic education campaign conducted in Wakabango. Launched on February 21, this campaign continued until March 1 and featured the theme: "Women's Responsibilities and Citizen Participation in Governance" and took place in all five of the *groupements* that make up this ETD.

Currently, this campaign has accomplished the following:

- 5 radio programs through local radio: *mwana bwato*;
- 8 public meetings;
- Awareness building benefitting 726 persons including 450 women;

In general, the campaign is progressing normally and raises much interest with respect to citizen mobilization. A leaflet was distributed to the participants to carry the message leading to civic education. On March 6th **UMAMA** organized a program on active citizenship and responsibility of woman in business management in collaboration with Radio Sauti ya Mukaaji, a program on active citizenship at local Wakabango II. This show was presented by Mr. Abeli Kitoko (Executive Secretary ai.), and seconded by Ms. Daphrose BITUNGWA (Member of the Board). **See Success Story in Annex 4d which describes the widespread effects of UMAMA's gender equity campaign by in the Wakabango area.**

- **AVEMA** like **UMAMA** led a civic education campaign in late February in the same geographical area across Kibila, Kayuyu and Samweli based on the theme of citizen participation in the battle against corruption and harassment inflicted by police and the administration. This activity produced the intermediate results listed below:

- 575 people including 190 women sensitized and informed about the roles of citizens in the fight against corruption and various forms of harassment;
- Three meetings conducted civic education;
- 6 live radio broadcasts on the theme of the campaign that covered 40% of the population of Wakabango II;
- Positive interactions between people and the police.

This activity serves as a mechanism for mobilizing citizens' support for the advocacy campaign led by AVEMA. However, given the deficit in citizenship awareness observed in the ETD, for this activity to have maximum impact it should be implemented for a long-term period. **See Success Story 4g which depicts AVEMAs successful use of their newly acquired advocacy tools in leveraging additional funding.**

- **HBM**, who works on budget monitoring, continued informing the population on the budget, and encouraged citizens to participate in the budget process through broadcasts and sketches aired by their radio antennas.

Katanga

- **BULLETIN SOCIKAT** organized a meeting with the provincial executive (Minister of Agriculture and the Governor), and Provincial Assembly members nearing the end of their term, to present the draft decree on increasing the provincial budget for agriculture so that they would at last be able to read, amend and adopt it. They also conducted preliminary contacts with farmers and leaders in order to prepare for the advocacy campaign. During a meeting with the provincial Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fish and Rural Development (AGRIPED), the department leaders expressed great interest in the agriculture grant. They highly appreciated the initiative for the **SOCIKAT** newsletter and especially the special edition which focused on prioritizing the agricultural sector in Katanga. Moreover, the Ministry of AGRIPED has promised to get seriously involved in the preparations for the social dialogue for action on agricultural issues. Added to this, the edict proposal has also attracted the attention of the AGRIPED Ministry who agreed to initiate a move to push the provincial government to produce a decree and, to lobby for the Provincial Assembly vote to pass an edict that will strengthen the Organic Law on Agriculture. The Ministry of AGRIPED not only consented to engage forcefully but was open to the Bulletin **SOCIKAT** to create a responsible partnership for the promotion of agriculture. They suggested the creation of a permanent consultative framework involving CSOs, the Ministry of Agriculture, and other actors involved in the promotion of agriculture (FAO, WFP ...) and that social dialogue for action is an opportunity to mount strategies to popularize the agriculture bill and propose measures to implement this law. Also as part of the preparation of the advocacy campaign in favor of agriculture, a meeting was held with the Provincial Inspection for Rural Development resulting in the provincial inspection for Rural Development agreeing to become involved in this advocacy campaign. It found that this was an advocacy opportunity to inform the general public and the authorities the various problems encountered in this service.
- The **Diocesan Development Office (BDD)** conducted a follow-up meeting of its advocacy activity. During this meeting it was discussed how to reorient the remaining activities given the output of Law No. 11/022 of 24 December, detailing the fundamental principles relating to agriculture. Compared to this reality, a memo was prepared by the participants and sent to DAI. To date, the **BDD** has achieved 50% of their planned advocacy program activities. Currently, **BDD** is the phase of utilizing different mechanisms of communicating their messages; a comic strip produced in a special edition of the newspaper BUYANTANSI, already in circulation conveys a message in the local language (Swahili) the plight of farmers and possible solutions to their problems. A website is also underway to provide for outreach to all segments of society on land tenure issues involving farmers.
- The NGO **Animation Association for the Education and Development (AED)** conducted a meeting on March 6th with the leaders of the provincial Ministry of Finance to encourage the Ministry to assume ownership of the proposed Edict and transforming it into a Decree. This meeting was of paramount importance because it could lead to the promulgation of this Decree mandating publication of the Lubumbashi City Hall's receipts and expenditures and the objective was to present this bill to different individuals in the Ministry, and discuss with them the practical arrangements for its implementation. This activity is consistent with PBG's core objectives, which are promoting good governance, citizen admissibility and combating corruption. The government authorities welcomed the initiative, and encounters of this kind allow a constructive and ongoing dialogue is established between the authorities and CSOs. **See Success Story in Annex 4c regarding AED's collaborative work with the Lubumbashi Mayor's Office promoting the transparent management of the city's budget.**

- The **Justice and Peace Commission (CJP)** held the second activity on data collection. A workshop brought together **CJP** and other network members to discuss implementation strategies for data collection, distribution of tasks and deployment of field investigators. There was a meeting with the urban authority and its services in order to obtain travel orders for data collectors and copies of the Town Hall's nomenclature of taxes. This meeting was a good opportunity for the mayor to acquire ownership of the project and he promised to be actively involved at the end of the meeting. He suggested that an eventual meeting between Likasi Civil Society with all of the tax collection services and burgomasters of the four *communes* to allow the authorities to adopt the approach of the CSOs and make information available to them. They also promised to present the difficulties encountered in collecting its taxes to the CSO partners in order to enable them find solutions. The burgomasters for their part, welcomed with great interest this initiative and had been waiting for this encounter which had been delayed due to Katumba Mwanke's death with anticipation. The Mayor gave verbal authorization of for the data collectors to be deployed and he handed over the tax nomenclature of taxes to **UMOJA and CJP** and declared the doors of his services open to provide any pertinent tax information. The data is currently being collected for compilation before the next step which is the organization of a workshop with the objective of formulating a message.
- The CSO **UMOJA** is in the startup stage of their advocacy campaign and to date has prepared a document identifying advocacy strategies, data collection and processing. From March 9th to the 11th, **UMOJA** has organized a workshop on the theme "preparing edict proposals, formulating messages and validating advocacy strategies", which saw the active participation of all CSOs involved in this activity (**UMOJA , CJP, PADHOLIK, RCK, SHALAMO, SYECO and Sister to Sister**). There were 22 participants including 6 women, and the workshop took place in the Hall of the Methodist Church Karumbu Likasi, neighborhood Panda, in Likasi *Commune*. This workshop included the active participation of an Assistant Professor at the University of Likasi, and a researcher on the Congolese state of social development. This enriched the debates and has provided expertise on the different notions of communication; definition, purpose, targets and strategies to be used in this field based on the various issues raised during the data collection activity.

IR1.2.2 Activity (SA1 / 2): Public Hearing (Dialogue For Action) at the Provincial / ETD Levels.

Bandundu

COFERD organized four dialogues for action in four municipalities in the city of Kikwit. The first focused on the Main theme: "Agriculture: Priority of Priorities, with a sub theme, "Place of Agriculture in an ETD's Budget", "Decentralization and Citizen Participation", and Taxes and the Citizen". When these dialogues were completed the authorities of the four municipalities promised to prioritize and increase the agriculture line item in the next budget and asked the CSOs to conduct an awareness raising campaign among taxpayers to encourage them to pay taxes and fees. This joint activity commenced on March 14th, and the dialogues were held successively in the four municipalities ending on March 21st. Participation was as follows; for the first dialogue held on March 14th in Lukolela, 180 participants, including 67 women. On March 16th a second dialogue was conducted in the LUKEMI Commune, 118 participants including 60 women, followed on March 19th, with a third dialogue, conducted at the NZINDA Commune with 105 participants, including 54 women, and on March 21st the final dialogue was held in Kazamba Commune, with 110 participants including 78 women. These dialogues were facilitated by experts in the field, the DGI, Justice, the Urban Agriculture Inspector and the Burgomasters of the four entities.

Maniema

HBM has organized a dialogue for action on the issue of the Bangengele population's access to arable land which was attended by 60 people including 9 women. The sector chief took advantage of this opportunity not only to reflect but also gather citizen input on land management in the Bangengele sector. This very informative and constructive dialogue resulted in the establishment of a commission to conduct a verification of the legality of all documents associated with the concessions of Bangengele. This commission will be composed of local authorities, legal representatives for concession holders, and civil society members. It was

also decided that **HBM** in collaboration with CSOs operating in Bangengele will contact the Governor and request that he define the measures of Order No. 059 canceling some leases acquired in violation of the law.

The second dialogue inspired by a recommendation of the first focused on the problem of crossing the Kasuku River. At the end of this encounter which was attended by the Sector Chief the following resolutions were made.

- Put into place a committee responsible for lobbying the provincial authorities for a reorganization of the conditions for crossing the Kasuku River and that the sector receives its quota of the taxes received for this crossing.
- In case of a failure of this initiative a peaceful march will be organized to the Governor's office and the Provincial Assembly office in order to obtain a solution to these problems.

Katanga

Katuba

On the 16th and the 22nd of March the Commune of Katuba hosted two Dialogues for Action.

The first was on "Health Conditions of the Commune of Katuba: Hygiene and Quality of Care."

The authorities were represented by the Assistant Surgeon of the zone who spoke with people about public health concerns and quality of care offered by hospitals in this *Commune*. A monitoring committee consisting of three delegates from the population, three from the *Commune* and one from the Health Zone was designated at the end of the dialogue

The second Dialogue for Action focused on "The Insecurity of Citizens and Their Property in The Katuba *Commune*". The burgomaster was represented by the Musumba quarter chief. Security issues were revealed and strategies to combat them were developed. The participants took the firm decision to work together to address them and a Monitoring Committee, composed of delegates from the public, heads of districts, the Municipality and the Police has been established conduct an evaluation and implement recommendations. .

Likasi

A Dialogue for Action was held on March 31st on "SNEL, the Challenges of Development" with the participation of the Director of the National Society of Electricity in Likasi on "SNEL the challenges of development and future prospects". A monitoring committee was established to follow up on all the recommendations that were made.

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Meetings held with other donor organizations

Various meetings were held between representatives of UNDP, PAP / EU, DAI / Europe and DAI / PBG in the preparation of joint activities planned in anticipation of the opening of Parliament, including the workshop on the draft Rules of Procedure of the National Assembly. These meetings were followed by working session held on March 27th and attended by the National Assembly Secretary-General ai. and representatives of all of the collaborating donors in the preparation the Parliamentary Information Days for elected officials of the second Parliamentary term of the Third Republic.

Programmatic Accomplishments

Kinshasa

Activity IR2.1.5-1: Exchange Workshop with CTAD (Technical Support Unit for Decentralization Reform)

This workshop, organized in response to a request from CTAD at the *Centre d'Acueil Protestant* in Kinshasa allowed leaders of this government technical structure to network with key organizations involved in supporting the Provincial Assemblies. Among these included, in addition to DAI/PBG, the SSAAPR Program/DFID (implemented by DAI/Europe), UNDP, PAP/EU, AWEPA, *la Region Toscane* and the PRCG (World Bank). Following the workshop it was decided that the above organizations should schedule, in consultation with the CTAD, ten initial workshops for future Provincial Assembly members utilizing uniform training modules produced with assistance from the donors who each be assigned specific themes. The next step should be to conduct a subsequent workshop which will validate of Terms of Reference for this activity.

Activity IR 2.5.4-7: Support for RCPP

On February 23rd the delegation of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy in Kinshasa hosted at the Hotel Venus, representatives of DAI/PBG, SSAAPR Program/DFID (implemented by DAI / Europe), UNDP and PAP/EU to begin discussions with the objective of achieving a common approach with regard to the support to be provided to the RCPP. The requirement for a functional evaluation of this network was identified as a prerequisite for the continuation of that support. The partners have promised to enrich the draft of the ToR developed for this purpose by UNDP.

Activity IR2.1.6-6: Workshop on Review of Rules of Procedure of the National Assembly

This activity was held on February 13-18 at the Hotel Faden House in Kinshasa. Jointly organized by DAI/PBG, SSAAPR Program/DFID (implemented by DAI/Europe), UNDP and PAP/EU, this workshop has allowed twenty administrative officers of the National Assembly Senate to draft proposals for amendments to made to the these Rules. Facilitators included three experts, a former President of the PAJ Commission of the National Assembly, a retired NA administrative officer and a professor of constitutional law.

Activity IR2.5.4-7: Annual General Meeting and Seminar on RCPP orientation of newly elected Provincial Assembly members

Under the aegis of the National Network of Parliamentary Administrative Personnel (CPRN), DAI/PBG has jointly funded with the Program SSAAPR/DFID (implemented by DAI / Europe), UNDP and PAP/ EU and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, the second General Assembly of RCPP and an orientation workshop for newly elected officials. Each of the eleven Provincial Assemblies of the DRC was represented by two delegates. For its part, DAI/PBG has supported the travel and accommodations for delegates from the provinces of Maniema, Bandundu and Katanga.

South Kivu

Activity IR 2.1.15-8: Training on Results Based Management

This training session was organized on February 20-22 at the CRD PBG for the benefit of the Provincial Assembly Administrative staff. In total, 24 people took part, including 3 women. The participants discovered new materials based on best practices from their current activities and their mission vis-à-vis the upcoming Provincial Government and the next, newly-installed Provincial Assembly. They also learned the concepts of a logical framework, problems associated with objectives and results expected and achieved.

Activity IR2.1.1-8: Mid-term review of the administration of the Provincial Assembly

The mid-term review of the administration of the provincial assembly was started in February and completed in March. On this second assessment, 18 administrative staff members completed the survey document, bringing to 42 the total number of participants in this activity.

Activity IR2.2.1-4: Technical assistance in the development of edicts

- The proposed decree on environmental management in South Kivu, launched by the MP Ombeni, benefited from the expertise of Professor Busane Wenceslas, a PBG consultant.
- The proposed decree on free maternal health care, under development through an advocacy campaign which is being implemented by PBG partner AFEJUCO and for which the MP Beatrice Kinja Mwendanga sought out PBG technical assistance.

Bandundu

Activity IR2.1.1-8: Mid-term review of the staff of the Provincial Assembly

This activity, targeting the Administrative staff of the Bandundu Provincial Assembly took place on February 13-14. The Administrative Director has decided to request that all officers and agents involved in the plenary hall to complete the evaluation survey. On Monday, February 13, 28 members of the Administrative staff participated. On Tuesday, February, six staff members who were absent on the first day answered questions in their respective offices. The following is a summary of the distribution of the participants in this mid-term review: Registry Division (20 persons), *Questeur* Division (8 people), Engineering (4 persons), Direction/Administrative Division/(2 persons). It should be noted that all administrative staff was not present because most have taken their vacation during the summer recess, during when there is a lull in the Provincial Assembly activities.

Activity IR2.1.15-4: Workshop on stock and inventory management

This workshop was held from February 29th to March 3rd in the multipurpose room of the PBG CRD in Bandundu city and benefited thirty (30) senior administrative officers of the Provincial Assembly of Bandundu. The workshop was characterized by strong participation and motivation among the beneficiaries and introduced development tools for inventory management, procurement procedures. The workshop also included a daily assessment of participants' expectations and what they had learned. To address a lack of appropriate tools for management of stock, an ad hoc committee was formed to develop these tools and create an inventory of the Provincial Assembly's existing assets.

Activity IR2.1.15-8: Workshop on mechanisms for results based management

This workshop was conducted on March 5-7 in the multipurpose room of the Bandundu CRD with 39 participants benefiting including one woman. It was followed with great interest, given the relevance of the material. The various administration officials pledged to apply the knowledge and tools that they acquired

during this training while performing future duties. In order to accomplish this, they would have to involve the political leadership of the Provincial Assembly and expressed the desire that the MPs receive similar training.

Maniema

Activity IR2.1.15-8: Workshop on Results Based Management

This training session on Results Based Management was organized on February 13-15 in the Mama Betty conference room and targeted the Provincial Assembly Administrative staff. A total of 30 participants including 2 women took part in this workshop.

Activity IR2.1.1-8: Mid-term review of the administration of the Provincial Assembly

This evaluation began Thursday, March 8th, lasted three days and was attended by 64 persons including 12 women.

Activity IR2.1.15-6: Workshop on Strategic Planning

This workshop was held on March 28-30 to benefit the staff of the Provincial Assembly. It was attended by 40 persons including four women. Participants clearly defined expectations, developed a coherent strategic plan, set priorities, and developed the capacity to function coherently, ie. evaluate the performance of services and to become thoroughly acquainted with the principles of the strategic plan. The workshop boosted the capacity of beneficiaries to choose optional top identify priority areas to be discussed with the next Office of the Provincial Assembly. Participants also formed a monitoring committee consisting of three Division Heads, the Director of Administration and a women's representative with the mandate of initiating workshops in small groups to complete the strategic plans of for division of the Provincial Assembly.

Katanga

Activity IR2.1.15-8: Workshop on Results Based Management

This training session was facilitated by Professor Chirume on February 27-29 for the benefit of the Provincial Assembly Administrative staff. Participants were 30 in number including 11 women. The administrative staff was very satisfied with the content of this training session which will help them plan the Provincial Assembly activities, taking into account the expectations of the people and for the first time using the logical framework.

Activity IR2.1.1-8: Mid-term review of the administrative staff of the Provincial Assembly

This assessment started on March 23rd and was conducted during a three day period and was attended by 83 officers including 35 women.

IR 3 – LAWS, POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR DECENTRALIZATION ESTABLISHED AND IMPLEMENTED

Political events that affected IR3

Impact of the election process

Uncertainty continued throughout the month due to the delays in announcing the results of the National Assembly votes, and the volume of protests against electoral fraud. The highlight of these protests was the announcement by the National Episcopal Conference of the Congo (usually known as CENCO), that the Catholic Church's election observers had found the process stained by serious irregularities which put into question the credibility of the results announced. They described the process by which votes were being compiled a shame for the country. They also stated that "one cannot establish a rule of law in which there is an atmosphere of trickery, lies and terror, militarization and flagrant suppression of freedom of expression". February saw the final announcement of the results of the National Assembly, and the first stages of court hearings into the electoral disputes. The march planned for February 16th by the Catholic Church to protest against the conduct of the election was harshly disrupted by riot police. The first session of the National Assembly took place during the month: the Speaker is a member of the opposition UDPS which has provoked a reaction from Mr. Tshisikedi who had forbidden his members to participate in the National Assembly.

On March 26, the newspaper *Le Potentiel* reported that President Kabila, addressing a delegation of the proposed parliamentary ruling coalition that was visiting him at his farm near Kinshasa, had assured the delegation that municipal and local elections would be held soon. He also stated that they needed to speed up the development of laws for decentralization, and ensure that the *decoupage* of the existing 11 Provinces into 26 was completed during the life of the new parliament.

Meetings held with other donors

On January 27, the EU convened a meeting to meet with the *Comité d'Orientation de la Réforme des Finances Publiques* (COREF) to hear about their future plans and need for funds. COREF explained that, with the passage of the new law on Public Finance, they had become increasingly aware of the need to involve the Provinces, which were to have a major role in the management of Public Finance, but which had hitherto not been involved. They described the need to disseminate information about the new system and train provincial staff. With the support of UNDP (under their PADDL project) a pilot was being undertaken in North Kivu. Another area being developed is the reform of the accounting system. With the support of the EU, UNDP and the IMF they are developing a proposal regarding this that will be presented shortly. They are mounting a campaign to disseminate information about financial reforms, starting with a workshop on January 30 and 31 for the *Cour des Comptes* and the Inspector General of Finance. This workshop was to discuss the Strategic Plan for the reform of public finance (PSRFP) and the financial law, now commonly known by the acronym LOFIP (*Loi relative aux Finances Publiques*).

Meeting with DFID

Carinne Escoffier, who was responsible for DFID's provincial governance program – which is largely managed by UNDP through the PADDL project – has been transferred and her job was taken by Mailan Chiche. On March 8 we had a meeting to exchange notes and particularly experiences regarding participatory budgeting. Ms Chiche was interested in the fact that we have been discussing a Conference with CTAD on the subject of decentralization, as their project, through UNDP, has been doing exactly the same. At her suggestion on March 20 we met Anastasie Manzanga, who is in charge of local government in the PADDL project. From this meeting it became clear that the overlap was minor: our proposed conference will be examining the technicalities regarding the transfers of staff and powers, which theirs will be reviewing the progress in implementing

Government strategic plan for decentralization (CSMOD), and trying to obtain or renew commitment to implementation. Thus one will reinforce the other.

World Bank meeting on Participatory Budgeting

The IR3 team was informed of a meeting, supported by the World Bank, UNDP and MONUSCO, held on 16 March regarding participatory budgeting in Kinshasa. This is part of an initiative to spread the concept more widely. Already, a “participative approach” has been started in two communes in Kinshasa by UN Habitat, supported by Spanish Aid. The meeting was led by three NGOs who are supporting the concept, and attended by *Bourgmestres* and other representatives of the *communes* in Kinshasa. At this stage it appears to have been an information sharing meeting.

Programmatic Accomplishments

Programmatic Accomplishments under IR3

Activity IR3.1.2.3: Creating a decentralization website for CTAD

On January 26, the IR3 team met the staff of CTAD and the consultant to finalize publication of the site. Although the site is not fully populated, it was agreed that there is sufficient material to make it worthwhile opening it to the public. The address is www.decentralisation.cd. Overall we are satisfied that it represents an excellent start to an important project to make the concepts behind, and likely impact of decentralization better understood.

Activity IR3.1.8 – 2: Diagnostic study of administrative powers

On January 24 the IR2 team met CTAD to discuss how these important PBG-generated reports, together with one undertaken by CTAD itself, can be discussed and disseminated. It was agreed to hold a national conference as soon as the new government is sufficiently established to participate effectively, possibly in mid-May. Proposed participants are the Presidency, the office of the Prime Minister, heads of all major Ministries and COREF, as well as Governors of the provinces, representatives of Provincial assemblies, and selected Provincial ministers and members of provincial governments. A committee, to include the office of the Prime Minister, the sectoral ministries, CTAD and PBG will be established to plan the conference. The IR3 team met again briefly with CTAD on March 1, which was followed by subsequent meeting on March 9 to discuss the proposed conference. Due to the Coordinator’s travelling commitments, it was agreed that the first meeting of the steering committee will be held in early April. It was also agreed that CTAD will draft technical terms of reference for the proposed committee. Possible overlap between this conference and that which UNDP plans to organize were discussed. It was agreed that with well-drafted terms of reference the two events will complement and reinforce each other, and that there is no cause for concern.

Activity IR3.1.7-3: Inter-governmental thematic working groups

Successful meetings were held in Bandundu on January 23 and South Kivu on January 26.

The Bandundu event concerned the Bandundu Brigade de Recettes, an innovative initiative by the Province to strengthen its revenues. It was attended by 49 participants, including 8 provincial deputies, the secretary general of the Provincial Government, four directors of Ministries, heads of provincial divisions of deconcentrated services and civil society.

The theme of the session in South Kivu was the management of health services. Thirty five persons attended, including representatives of the provincial assembly and local government, as well as the Ministries of Health, Agriculture, Education, the Interior and the Environment. There was much concern on the fact that many fake medicines are in circulation, not to mention out of date stock or stock damaged by heat and other factors. The

workshop strongly supported the proposal to construct a central pharmaceutical store – a concept which is, we understand, already being considered by Swiss aid and DFID.

Activity IR3.2.3 – 2: Establishment of multi-sectoral working groups on local taxation to reduce conflict and implement anti-corruption activities

The census of taxpayers has been completed in Bukavu in January. However, due to logistical and other constraints there was a delay in the organization of the feed-back workshop, but preparations were completed to do so on February 3rd. The purpose of this meeting was to present and discuss the results of the census and it was held in Bukavu and attended by the Mayor, *Bourgmestres* of the *Communes*, many senior members of staff, and representatives of civil society. The presentation was well received and the Mayor announced his determination to proceed with the project. What has emerged to date is that the potential for own revenues is very substantial. If there were to be 100% collection of all taxes and charges due, the city would receive about \$1,000,000 annually, in addition to the retrocession funds allocated by the province. Currently they receive only a fraction of that – thus the project has the potential to transform their finances. The Mayor is anxious to get going, and has already submitted a request for IT equipment to manage the data base. Subsequently the project continued to progress, building on the success of the census and data base of taxpayers. Cheick Samake was in Bukavu from March 27 – April 3 to take matters forward. The first task was to meet the consultants to refine the terms of reference for the next stage of the project. The second was a meeting with the Mayor on March 30 and a team of about ten staff who will be involved with the project. The object of this meeting was to clarify which activities the *ville* would take financial responsibility for, and which ones they would hope to finance from a grant. A third meeting will be held on April 2 to report back to the Steering Committee. As a result of these meetings it has been possible to prepare an activity list to implement the project, an implementation timetable and a budget. Meanwhile, on March 23, Mbake Murhamya, an IR3 consultant started on the third stage of his technical assistance and training to ETDs on financial management and citizen oversight of public finances. He will visit all ETDs in the project spending more time on the three pilot sites for in-depth work, Bukanga Lonzo, Kolwezi and Bukavu. He started in Katanga province, with Kolwezi, on March 23.

Participatory Budgeting

It will be recalled that the primary work of the consultant Murhamya Mbake has been to institute a system whereby civil society and local government would work together in monitoring public financial management. The second phase included strengthening the systems and skills of the accounting staff, and making the tax collection system more fair and transparent. The IR3 team has now reached the third phase where these skills are being developed in more depth, and Mr. Mbake has already started this work, as stated above. There are two logical next steps. The first is to formalize the monitoring of public performance by a simple system of citizen report cards. The second is to use such information as the basis for a participatory budgeting process.

As stated above, participatory budgeting has become a hot topic among several donors in the past few months. We have examined the process being used by other donors, and looked at examples from other countries, and especially the UN Habitat Guide to Participatory Budgeting in Francophone Africa. The IR3 team's analysis is that the methods being advocated are too complex to be sustainable, and that a simpler model is essential if the process is to be sustainable. IR3 is therefore proposing a pilot program in three ETDs using a new and innovative model. A consultant who is very familiar with the principles of participatory budgeting, Abraham Djamba, is therefore being hired to work in three pilot ETDs: Bukanga Lonzo, Kolwezi and Bukavu. **See Annex 4f on the adoption of the participatory budgeting process by the Governor of South Kivu.** His work will consist of three parts:

- Soliciting political support for the principle
- Conducting a workshop of all stakeholders to help them understand how citizen report cards and participatory budgeting work and how they can be operated.
- Training committee members to manage the process.

A fairly detailed training guide has been prepared for the third stage, called “A guide to citizen participation in financial management”.

Activity IR3.2.12 – 5: Feasibility Studies for small projects proposed under ETD Action Plans: Maniema and South Kivu

The consultant has completed all the feasibility studies, and after making some changes requested by the Kinshasa office, submitted his final versions in the second week of March.

Activity IR3.2.10 – 2 Support for PPP projects: Kadutu, Likasi and Kolwezi

We drafted advertisements for use by all ETDs which were published in early February announcing the opportunity to bid for PPP projects. We also prepared the bidding documents and requested all ETDs to arrange briefing meetings and site visits for bidders during the third and fourth weeks of the month. The details are as follows:

Location	Date of meeting	Project	Number of bidders attending briefing	Feasibility study estimate*
Katuba	Feb 15	Multi-purpose community hall	4	\$172,000
Katuba	Feb 15	Market	“	\$360,000
Likasi	Feb 17	Sports center and swimming pool	4	\$92,000
Kolwezi	Feb 20	Market	17	\$220,000
		Total	25	\$844,000

- Bidders mentioned that feasibility study estimates do not reflect current prices: it is therefore likely that final prices will be 10% - 30% higher.

The projects have several common threads:

- They are all reconstruction/improvement projects of the BOT (Build/Operate/Transfer) type
- The private sector will have a concession of 15 years over the property.
- The private sector will provide all capital and staffing, and will be responsible for collecting all receipts, during the period of the concession.
- Normally the ETD will receive a share of the proceeds: the feasibility studies demonstrated that 20% of the monthly income is economically viable without any difficulty.

A total of 25 enterprises attended the briefings, including large and small building contractors and some mines, though it is likely that the number of bidders will be far less. Bids for Katuba close on March 15, and for Likasi and Kolwezi on March 30. The project’s next contribution will be to assist the ETDs to evaluate the proposals and to draft the contracts. Bids were supposed to have been received by all three ETDs during March. The *commune* of Katuba was supposed to be the first to receive the bids, but they recommended that an additional two weeks be given to the bidders, thus making the submission date March 30 for all ETDs. Cheick Samake will go to Katanga in April to assist the ETDs to evaluate the bids, and a full report will be included in the April report.

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

GENDER

PBG continues to promote gender equity in all the activities that it promotes. It is noted in the Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP) “All event attendance sheets include a question on the gender of participants to help PBG better target women and attempt whenever possible to include at least 30 percent of women in all program activities. Considering the very low percentage of women elected members of parliament especially at the provincial level (ranging from 0 to 8 percent of members), it may however not always be possible to reach this targeted level especially for IR 2 (parliamentarians) and possibly also for IR3 targets (local government officials).” Following is a mid-program evaluation of the attendance of women in PBG facilitated activities by Program target partner:

Percent Women Participants in PBG training activities			
PBG PARTNER	Total	# Women	% Women
Civil Society	4440	1709	38%
Assemblies	3465	670	19%
ETDs - Local Government	3362	819	24%
TOTAL	11267	3198	28%

As mentioned in the initial performance plan for PBG, the number of women in the assemblies and local government is very low. Regardless, PBG staff members have encouraged women staff from both types of partner organizations to participate in training programs and workshops. The relatively high percentage rates for women participation given the context is a hallmark of the PBG program. PBG will continue striving for higher participation by women and in promoting gender equity activities such as the Women’s Forum “A Nous la Parole”, the Women’s Round Tables and advocacy campaigns focused on raising awareness to gender sensitivity. **See Success Stories in Annexes 4b and 4d for more details on efforts promoting gender equity.**

ANTI-CORRUPTION

IR 1 and IR3 have made major inroads in promoting transparency in public financial management by brokering links between local government and civil society. Monitoring and evaluation committees established in the ETD planning process play an important oversight role in assisting the ETDs with the proper management of public resources. Complementary to these committees are review mechanisms for the financial management of revenue collected in the form of local taxes. PBG consultants are now being accompanied by the PBG Anti-corruption specialist on technical assistance visits to the ETDs and in working with CSOs in their oversight roles. PBG plans on continued support of these strategies to increase transparency in public management by ETDs in collaboration with CSO partners. **For examples of the important work being carried out by PBG partners in corruption prevention see Success Stories in Annexes 4e and 4f.**

IV – OUTSTANDING ISSUES, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

Challenges

- ❖ **The Election Process 2011 and the end of the first term for the National Assembly:** The purpose of most of the advocacy activities is lead to the drafting of edicts to improve the conditions or as an adoption of the budgets in the thematic areas of Agriculture, Health or Education. Unfortunately the electoral process and the end of elected officials' terms have been an obstacle to completing these initiatives as parliamentary sessions were not held because of electoral activities.
- ❖ **The authorities are hesitant to collaborate with civil society:** Most leaders do not understand the necessity of citizen control through advocacy and budget monitoring, and access to public information was the subject of several debates over the role of civil society. When good governance observatory committees are in place with the exception of a few rare instances, the authorities do not facilitate collaborative relationships.
- ❖ **The distances between the DAI offices and sites of action:** Many of the beneficiaries are located a long distance from the DAI offices, the procedures of planning, obtaining purchase requests and the procurement and tracking of goods and services necessary is much more complicated and time consuming negatively impacting grants implementation.
- ❖ **Transport and access between PBG offices:** The increased frequency with which MONUSCO flights are postponed and/or cancelled or passengers disembarked presents significant challenges to PBG implementation, especially in terms of ensuring the timely deployment of experts and PBG senior staff when they are needed. This issue has also had a negative impact on the budget as consultants are obliged to spend more time in the field due to flight schedule changes, or cancelled flights.
- ❖ **Delay in the installation of the National Assembly's Permanent Office:** This has prevented the IR2 team from rapidly starting up activities providing assistance to the lower house of the National Parliament. The involvement of this institution's political leadership is essential to facilitate timely programming and project implementation.
- ❖ **The turnover of more than 80% of the National Assembly:** The elections have led to the departure of some national MPs who collaborated with the PBG, which requires us to reconstitute a new group of champions;
- ❖ **The postponement of provincial elections:** These elections were initially scheduled for the first quarter of 2012 and their postponement has led to the delay of planned activities for future MPs. Although the elected officials of the previous legislature remain in place until the next provincial election in early 2013, they are not interested in repeating basic training which they have already received;
- ❖ **The shifting of regular sessions of the Provincial Assemblies:** The new law on public finances has led to the postponement of the startup of the first regular session from January 15th to March 30th and later until April 16th, and has obliged PBG to delay IR2 activities originally scheduled according to the old calendar.

Opportunities

- ❖ **The need to include local authorities and elected officials in training programs provided to civil society organizations:** The resistance of the authorities to accept citizen controls is due partly to their ignorance of the CS's role in advocacy and budgetary control processes. Mixed workshops on these matters which will include the authorities and elected officials would help foster collaboration and synergy between all stakeholders.

- ❖ **Means of promoting participatory governance (Local Authorities-Elected Officials-Civil Society):** Grants allow all of the parties the opportunity to collaborate in grant implementation, working together as members of monitoring committees for the action plans drafted in each ETD. This is a real opportunity to promote participatory governance, including citizen controls on actions undertaken.
- ❖ **Mechanism of ownership of the entities by the public:** This is an opportunity where all of the constituents can participate in awareness-building and get involved in accomplishing joint actions within their communities. It is a collaborative effort at decentralization reform implementation on the part of the governing authorities and the public;
- ❖ **Strengthening of interaction between authorities, the population and the synergy between local and national and international organizations:** The participation of international and national organizations and the UN system, including MONUSCO in the implementation of advocacy campaigns provides significant support to the process and its outcome by drafting laws and edicts. It is a means to consolidate relations with other national and international partners.
- ❖ **Improved state revenues and payment of the labor force:** Budget monitoring and updating files documenting taxes collected is among the grant activities which obliges collectors to deposit tax revenue into the public treasury and not divert funds and practice abusive schemes aimed at illegally blocking the proper management of tax revenues.
- ❖ **The 80% renewal of the National Assembly:** This event provides PBG with an opportunity to program basic training for the newly elected MPs.
- ❖ **The election of Charles Aubin MINAKU and Mwando NSIMBA to the positions respectively of President and First Vice-President of the National Assembly:** This could provide the possibility of paving the way for a more committed partnership between the PBG and the National Assembly. In the past, both of these MPs have indicated that they were interested in capacity building for the National Assembly. Mr. MINAKU expressed this interest during the first evaluation of the PAJ Commission in 2010, and during the period that he chaired the PAJ Committee during the transition (before the 2006 elections), Mr. Mwando NSIMBA frequently solicited and received DAI's technical and material assistance .
- ❖ **Among the reelected MPs some were PBGs collaborators in the past:** This should facilitate contacts with their new colleagues.
- ❖ **Donor coordination has continued with efforts to harmonize activities and respond more effectively to requests from partners.** Besides supporting the National Network of Parliamentary Personnel, (RCPP), donors also collaborated to support the workshop on the draft rules of procedure for the National Assembly. Several coordination meetings have been conducted between the PBG and UNDP, the European Union Program to Support Parliament and DAI / Europe who all agree that working together will make us all more effective in our efforts to provide continued support to the Assemblies.
- ❖ **The interest shown by the CTAD in the partner's support for the Provincial Assemblies:** This permits us to envisage the involvement of this unit in future IR2 activities.
- ❖ **Our continued collaboration with RCPP:** Support for the General Assembly and the organization of a workshop on facilitating the induction of new elected MPs reinforces the perspective of sustainability: Many activities will be aimed at capacity building for parliamentary administrations, some of whom (Maniema and South Kivu) have requested support of PBG for the review of these workshops to benefit their colleagues in the provinces.

V – MAJOR ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT QUARTER (April 1, 2012 - June 30, 2012)

Timing	Activity	IR	Location
April 2-6	Workshop- accompagnement for Financial management controls for ETDs	IR3	Bangengele/Maniema
April 2-25	IT Training (Windows) for CSO staff members	IR1	Bukavu/South Kivu
April 2	Putting into place a data base of taxpayers-ETD	IR3	Bukavu/South Kivu
April 2-3	Technical support for the management of local finances-ETD	IR3	Katuba/Katanga
April 5-6	National Assembly administration evaluation	IR2	Kinshasa
April 6-7	Technical support for the management of local finances-ETD	IR3	Mayoyo/Bandundu
April 6-7	Workshop on strategic planning – Provincial Assembly	IR2	Bukavu/South Kivu
April 9-10	Technical support for the management of local finances-ETD	IR3	Lukolela/Bandundu
April 9-12	Political research and utilization for parliamentary objectives	IR2	Kindu/Maniema
April 9-13	Accompanyment of monitoring of financial management-ETD	IR3	Alunguli/Maniema
April 12-16	Technical support for the management of local finances-ETD	IR3	Bandundu/Bukanga Lonzo
April 9-13	Creating a pilot committee for the web site at the provincial level	IR1	L'shi/Katanga
April 18-25	Evaluation of PPP offers	IR3	Katuba/Katanga
April 19-21	Creating a pilot committee for the web site at the provincial level	IR1	Kindu/Maniema
April 23-29	Workshop on strategic planning – Provincial Assembly	IR2	Bandundu
April 23-24	Technical support for the management of local finances-ETD	IR3	Wakabongo/Maniema
April 26-28	Technical support for the management of local finances-ETD	IR3	Bangengele/Maniema
April 23-25	Evaluation of PPP offers	IR3	Likasi/Katanga
April 30-May 3	National Assembly administration evaluation	IR2	Kinshasa
May 2-4	RCPP workshop review at the Provincial Assembly	IR2	Kindu/Maniema
May 2-3	Workshop on edicts on maternal health, family planning, and birth certificates for civil states	IR2	Bukavu/South Kivu
May 3-4	Workshop on the edict for NGOs	IR2	L'shi/Katanga
May 7-8	Technical support for the management of local finances-ETD	IR3	Ngweshe/South Kivu
May 10-23	Social Impact evaluation	IR1	Bdd, SK, Katanga, Maniema, Kinshasa
May 9-11	Grant monitoring and formulation of propositions for ETD projects, evaluation of new grants	IR3	Maniema
May 7-9	Workshop on legislative auditions	IR1	Katanga
May 15	Workshop on the transfer of responsibilities to the ETDs and the provinces	IR3	Kinshasa
May 14-16	Workshop on constitutional control mechanisms (MPs)	IR2	Bandundu
May 14-16	Technical support for the management of local finances-ETD	IR3	Bukavu/South Kivu
May 15-18	Grant monitoring and formulation of propositions for ETD projects, evaluation of new grants	IR3	South Kivu

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